FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

81st Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2021 Regular Session Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Establishes State Gambling Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon State Lottery, Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Legislative Assembly, Oregon Racing Commission (ORC), Oregon State Police (OSP), County Sheriffs, Local Government, Tribal Government

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 3394 A-Engrossed prohibits the Oregon State Lottery, during the time period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending January 2, 2023, from implementing any lottery games or game procedures that were not authorized or implemented before January 1, 2022, the effective date of this measure. The measure specifies that this provision does not prohibit Lottery from entering into new contracts with video lottery game retailers or carrying out existing contracts with video lottery game retailers.

In addition, the measure establishes the 10-member State Gambling Task Force charged with studying and making recommendations regarding Oregon's gambling policy and regulations. The Task Force is required to deliver a report to a Legislative committee on its progress by March 1, 2022 and a final report on its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2022. Members of the Task Force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement. The Task Force sunsets on January 2, 2023.

Oregon State Lottery (Lottery)

Passage of this measure is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on Lottery. The agency anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the work of the Task Force.

Legislative Assembly

Passage of this measure is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Per diem costs are expected to be \$4,100 for two members, nine meetings, operative date of January 1, 2022 and sunset of January 2, 2023. The 2021-23 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for members of the Legislative Assembly to participate in committees, boards, and task forces. However, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2021-23 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

LPRO is directed to provide staff support to the Task Force. The 2021-23 Legislative Branch budget should contain funds allocated for LPRO support of interim committees and task forces.

<u>Oregon Racing Commission (ORC), Oregon State Police (OSP), Local Government, Tribal Government</u> ORC, OSP, county sheriffs, local government, tribal government are identified as participants of the task force. This fiscal assumes that membership on the Task Force will have minimal impact on these entities, and that any Task Force work can be absorbed with existing resources.

Because the measure establishes a task force, it warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.